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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th April 1872.

No. 371. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 16th April 1872, No. 201 :—

In reference to G. O. of the 13th instant, No. 963, intimating that the Government are not prepared to authorize the temporary arrangements suggested by me, I have the honour to express my regret that I should have explained myself so imperfectly as to make the Government believe, as it would appear, that I purposed placing Range Officers in charge of taluqs, that is to say, to carry on the duties of Taluq Overseers.

2. Such was and is very far from my intention, and as all I have done is to temporarily extend the general charge of certain sub-division officers pending the arrival of Assistant Engineer Mr. C. H. T. Norfor, I trust that the Government will be pleased, on this further explanation, to allow matters to stand temporarily as arranged by me on the 21st ultimo, in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

3. To understand this matter clearly it is necessary to bear in mind that for the reasons explained in my letter No. 83, dated the 8th instant, forwarding an application from Lieutenant F. S. Shepherd, R. E., for fifteen days' privilege leave, unless that officer obtains some little respite from his work, his eyesight, which has been much tried by levelling and is not at present in a very fit condition, will probably get worse and force him to take a prolonged rest from all such work.

4. The immediate employment on the anicut project of Mr. Hughes, who is thoroughly acquainted with all its details, is thus *de riqueur*; and should this arrangement be quashed, the results will be most unfortunate, as they must eventuate in the prevention of the project being completed this year, and the consequent loss to the Government and to the ryots of one year's revenue and crop.

5. Under these circumstances, and as no extra expense to the Government is incurred by the arrangement in question, I shall feel much obliged if the Government will allow it to stand good until the arrival in the division of Assistant Engineer Mr. C. H. T. Norfor. I would also suggest that, in order to render this temporary arrangement as little open to objection as possible, that Mr. Norfor be directed to join forthwith the appointment in the Tinnevelly District to which he stands nominated in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 26th ultimo, instead of waiting to be relieved by Assistant Engineer Lieutenant Taylor, as now ordered.

6. In conclusion, I have the honour to state that the arrival at Madura of Captain Pennycuick, R. E., on the 12th instant, was reported in my letter No. 183, dated the 15th idem.

No. 372. Order thereon, 24th April 1872, No. 1,060.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

It appears from this letter that the arrangements proposed by the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, for relief of Mr. Hughes, and to enable Lieutenant Shepherd to avail himself of the

fifteen days' privilege leave which have been granted him do not involve any extra expense to Government, or contravene the principle of the present organization of the Public Works Department.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts is, therefore, at liberty to carry them out. In fact, as they do not involve transfers from one district to another, it does not now appear to have been imperative on him to obtain special sanction for them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts, with G. O. No. 963 of 1872.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No 201 Superintg Engineer's Office 8 Dn
Madura 16th April 1872

From
Lieut. Colonel R A Roberts R.E.
Superintg Engineer 8 Dn,

To
Colonel G W Walker R.E.
Offg Secretary to Government D.W.

Sir,

In reference to G.O. of the 13th Instant, No 963, intimating that the Government are not prepared to authorize the temporary arrangements suggested by me, I have the honor to express my regret that I should have explained myself so imperfectly as to make the Government believe, as it would appear, that I purposed placing Range Officers in charge of Talooks — that is to say to carry on the duties of Talook Overseers.

2 Such was and is very

far from my intention, and as all I have done is to temporarily extend the general charge of certain Sub-Division Officers pending the arrival of Assistant Engineer Mr C. A. T. Norfor, I trust that the Government will be pleased, on this further explanation, to allow matters to stand temporarily as arranged by me on the 21st ultimo, in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

3. To understand this matter clearly it is necessary to bear in mind that for the reasons explained in my letter No 83, dated the 8th Instant, forwarding an application from Lieut. S. S. Shepherd R.E. for 15 days privilege leave, unless that Officer obtains some little respite from his work, his eyesight which has been much tried by levelling, and

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is not at present in a very fit condition, will probably get worse and force him to take a prolonged rest from all such work.

4. The immediate employment on the Ancient project of Mr Hughes who is thoroughly acquainted with all its details is thus de rigueur, and should this arrangement be quashed, the results will be most unfortunate, as they must eventuate in the prevention of the project being completed this year, and the consequent loss to the Government and to the Ryots of one years Revenue and crop.

5 Under these circumstances and as no extra expense to the Government is incurred by the arrangement in question, I shall feel much obliged if the Government will allow it to stand good until the arrival in the

Division of Assistant Engineer Mr C. H. J. Norfor. I would also suggest that in order to render this temporary arrangement as little open to objection as possible, that Mr Norfor be directed to join forthwith the appointment in the Tinnevelly District, to which he stands nominated in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 26th ultimo, instead of waiting to be relieved by Assistant Engineer Lieut. Taylor as now ordered.

6. In conclusion I have the honor to state that the arrival at Madura of Captain Fennywick R.E. on the 12th Instant, was reported in my letter No 183 dated the 15. Idem.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servant
Ricd. J. Roberts Lieut. Col: R.E.
Superintg. Engineer S.Dn.

Compd. P.S.

Lieut Gen. M. O.

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Lt Col. Roberts is therefore at liberty to carry them out - In fact, as they do not involve

transfers from one District to another, it does not now appear to have been impera:tive on him to obtain spe:cial sanction for them.

G.W.W.

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The Supg Engr
8th Divn
To The Secy to Govt
P.W.D.
Dated 16th April/72
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Submits further explanation and requests to autho:rize the temporary arrangements men:tioned in letter No 4919 dated 21st Nov 1872
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To The Superintending Engr.
8th Division

Dated

Encl.

G. O. 24th April 1872, No 1060.

Nos. 371 & 372

Mr. Asst. Engr. Hughes.

Passing orders on letter from the Supdg. Engr. of the 8th Dn. submitting further explanation respecting the arrangements proposed for the relief of Mr. Hughes.